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BEGIN SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER5, NATO POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONCLUDED
ALLIED COORDINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NOTIFICATION AND OBSERVER
CBMS WITH REGARD TO EXERCISE "REFORGER/75". PROCEDURES WORKED
OUT BETWEEN THE US AND FRG IN BONN WERE ESSENTIALLY AGREED
TO BY OTHER REFORGER PARTICIPANTS AND BY NON-PARTICIPATING
NATO ALLIES. FRANCE HAS DECIDED IT WILL NOT GIVE PARALLEL
NOTIFICATION OF ITS PARTICIPATION IN THIS EXERCISE, NOR WILL
FRANCE BW ASSOCIATED WITH THE CSCE INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS
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FOR THIS EXERCISE. ALLIES AGREED THA THE THREE NOTIFICATIONS (THE
PRINCIPAL US NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER, THE PRINCIPAL FRG
NOTIFICATION OF THE REFORGER COMPONENT KNOWN AS "CERTAIN
TREK", AND THE CANADIAN NOTIFICATION WHICH WILL PARALLEL BOTH

PRINCIPAL NOTIFICATIONS), WOULD ALL BE GIVEN ON SEPTEMBER 10 IN THE CAPITALS OF NON-NATO CSCE PARTICIPANTS. NOTIFICATIONS TO FELLOW ALLIES WILL BE GIVEN AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. ALLIES FURTHER AGREED THAT INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS WOULD BE EXTENDED BY THE FRG TO ALL CSCE PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING ALLIES) IN BONN ON SEPTEMBER 12. AGREED DRAFT TEXTS OF THE FRG NOTIFICATION OF "CERTAIN TREK" AND OF THE FRG INVITATION TO OBSERVERS ARE SET FORTH BELOW. AGREED DRAFT US PRINCIPAL NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE REFORGER IS ALSO SET FORTH BELOW, BUT THIS LATTER TEXT REQUIRES WASHINGTON REVIEW BEFORE IT IS USED. WE RECOMMEND US POSTS ACCREDITED TO NON-NATO CSCE CAPITALS RECIVE INSTRUCTIONS BY OOB SEPTEMBER 9. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5 MEETING OF POLADS (WHICH TOOK PLACE IN EARLY AM SO AS NOT TO OVERLAP WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S BRIEFING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCL ON LATEST MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS), WE COORDINATED WITH FRG DELEGATION ON TEXTUAL CHANGES AGREED SEPTEMBER 4 IN BONN. FRG AND US THEN PRESENTED REVISED TEXTS OF REFORGER CBM DOCUMENTS TO POLADS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED CAREFULLY THE DRAFT FRG NOTIFICATION OF "CERTAIN TREK" AND THE DRAFT FRG INVITATION TO OBSERVERS FOR THAT EXERCISE MAKING A NUMBER OF MINOR MODIFICATIONS. BECAUSE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON THE MIDDLE EAST, HOWEVER, TIME DID NOT PERMIT THE POLADS TO REVIEW IN DETAIL THE REVISED US DRAFT NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE REFORGER. INSTEAD, POLADS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE US-FRG DECISIONS TAKEN IN BONN, AND LEFT IT TO THE US AND FRG POLADS TO LORK OUT A SMOOTH TEXT.

2. THESE THREE DOCUMENTS ARE SET FORTH BELOW. WE BELIVE THE FIRST TWO ARE NOW FULLY IN ORDER AND READY FOR USE BY THE FRG. HOWEVER, AS THE DRAFT US NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER UNDERWENT A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS DURING FAST-MOVING NEGOTIATIONS, IN BONN AND BRUSSELS, WE RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW CAREFULLY THIS THIRD DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY FROM THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF VIEW:

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A) DOESTHE DELETION OF MENTION OF "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" IN THE BODY OF THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRE FURTHER TEXTUAL CHANGES TO PRESERVE THE CHARACTER OF THIS DOCUMENT AS A NOTIFICATION OF THE OVERALL EXERCISE REFORGER; AND SPECIFICALLY,

B) DO THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTIONS AS NOW DRAFTED PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR: "MANEUVER AREAS", "COMMAND LEVELS", "UNITS PARTICIPATING"?

IN THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN THE DRAFT US NOTIFICATION AS IT STANDS OR IF ONLPY MINOR MODIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED, NO FURTHER ALLIED OR US-FRG COORDINATION IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, ANY MAJOR CHANGES SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE FRG AT ONCE.

3. FRENCHREP (GUELLUY) INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT, BECAUSE ITS PARTICIPATION IN REFORGER INVOLVED SO FEW TROOPS, PARIS HAD DECIDED IT WOULD MAKE NO PARALLEL NOTIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH EXERCISE REFORGER, AND PARIS DID NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE JOINT FRG INVITATION TO OBSERVERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRANCE HAD NO OBJECTION TO MENTION BEING MADE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF FRENCH TROOPS IN BOTH THE US REFORGER NOTIFICATION AND THE FRG "CERTAIN TREK" NOTIFICATION. IN FACT, FRENCH REP PROPOSED SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS IN THIS REGARD TO HIGHLIGHT THAT ONLY "SOME ELEMENTS OF A FRENCH UNIT" WOULD BE INVOLVED. FRENCH REP ADDED, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THAT PARIS' DECISIONS IN REGARD TO EXERCISE REFORGER DID NOT IMPLY A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE FRENCH NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS.

4. CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER TO NATO ALLIES, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE US, FRG AND CANADA SHOULD EACH NOTIFY EACH OF THE OTHER ALLIES INFORMALLY BUT IN WRITING ON SEPT 10 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. THE FACT OF ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH A PEICE OF PAPER WILL SATISFY CSCE REQUIREMENTS.

5. AS REGARDU CSCE INVITATIONS TO ALLIED OBSERVERS (AS DISTINGUISHED FROM SEPARATE OBSERVATION OF MANEUVERS BY OTHER ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES OUTSIDE THE CSCE CONTEXT),
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THE FRG SHOULD SEND THE INVITATIONS ALSO TO NATO EMBASSIES IN BONN ON SEPT 12. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, CSCE OBSERVERS FROM ALLIED COUNTRIES SHALL BE TREATED EXACTLY THE SAME AS THOSE FROM NEUTRAL AND WARSAW PACT STATES.

6. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, US REP EXPRESSED THE APPRECIATION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN WHICH ALL THE ALLIES COOPERATED IN THE COORDINATION OF CBM IMPLEMENTATION FOR REFORGER. HE PRAISED THE SPEED AND EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH THIS NEW AND COMPLICATED MATTER WAS HANDLED AND CALLED IT AN EXAMPLE OF NATO CONSULTATIONS AT THEIR BEST.

7. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG DRAFT NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK":

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT OF 1 AUGUST 1975, EXPECIALLY THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HEREWITH NOTIFIES MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK", INVOLVING ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITE

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STATES, UNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR AS WELL AS CANADIAN AND SOME ELEMEN
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OF A FRENCY UNIT. THIS MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 14 TO 23 OCTOBER
1975 IN BAVARIA WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXECISE "REFORGER75"
WHICH HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
"REFORGER 75" FORMS PART OF THE "AUTUMN FORGE"
SERIES OF EXERCISES, A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR
NATIONAL AND/OR MULTI-NATIONAL COMBAT AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES
WHICH ARE CARRIED OUT BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

THE EMBASSY ALSO HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT IT IS INTENDED TO
INVITE OBSERVERS TO THE "CERTAIN TREK" MANEUVERS IN BAVARIA.
DETAILS WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE INVITATION WHICH WILL BE EXTENDED
IH BONN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

TITLE OF THE MANEUVER: CERTAIN TREK.
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PURPOSE OF THE MANEUVER: COMBAT TRAINING OF THE GROUND FORCES

INCLUDING AIR SUPPORT.
PERIOD OF THE MANEUVER 14 TO 23 OCTOBER 1975.
AREA OF THE MANEUVER: NORTH-WEST BAVARIA
COMMAND LEVEL: US CORPS:.

UNITS TAKING PART: 3RD US INFANTRY DIVISION, TWO BRIGADES OF 1ST US
INFANTRY DIVISION,
BRIGADE OF THE SECOND US ARMORED DIVISION, 2ND
US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT, NO 36 TANK BRIGADE OF THE BUNDESWHR,
ONE CANADIAN MECHANIZED COMBAT GROUP, ELEMENTS OF A FRENCH
RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED: ABOUT (TO BE FILLED IN).
AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY ELEMENTS OF THE TACTICAL AIR FORCES
OF THE BUNDESWEHR AND OF THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN FORCES.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE DIVISIONAL COMBAT EXERCISE "STRAFFE
ZUEGEL" WILL TAKE PLACE IN LOWER SAXONY FROM
13 TO 17 OCTOBER. THE TOTAL NUMBER
OF MILITARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED WILL BE 17,100, BELONGING TO ELEMENTS
OF A PANZER GRENADIER DIVISION OF THE BUNDESWEHR, ONE TANK RECON-
NAISSANCE REGIMENT AND ONE UNIT OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE
CORPS TAKING PART IN "REFORGER 75".

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

END TEXT

7. BEGIN TEXT OF FRG DRAFT INVITATION TO
OBSERVERS OF MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK":

(COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE DATED 1 AUGUST 1975, ESPECIALLY THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ALSO ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA, HERewith CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF (BLANK) TO SEND ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF ITS EMBASSY IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FOR THE GDR: "OF THE PERMANEN TMISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC"; FOR MAL TA AND MONACO: " OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION ACCREDITED TO THE PRESIDENT O F THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY") AS OBSERVERS TO MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK" WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN BAVARIA FROM 14 TO 23 OCTOBER 1975 AS PART OF EXERCISE "REFORGER 75". ARMED FORCES OF THE STATES EXTENDING THIS INVITATION WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE EXERCISE.

IN CASE THE INVITATION IS ACCEPTED, THE NAMES AND RANKS OF THE NOMINATED OBSERVERS ARE REQUESTED BY (INSERT DATE) DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION WILL THEN BE PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

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8. GEGIN TEXT OF DRAFT US PRINCIPAL NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE

"REFORGER 75".

GKCOMPLIMENTARY OPENING)

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUT IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR TO NOTIFY EXERCISE "REFORGE75", DURING WHICH, AS NOTIFIED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE FIELD MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK" WILL BE CONDUCTED IINVOLVING U.S. GROUND FORCES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THIS FIELD MANEUVER WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE PERIOD 14-23 OCTOVER 1975, AND WILL ASLO INVOLVE THE ARMED FORCES OF CANADA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND FRANCE. EXERCISE "REFORGER" 75" WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF "THE AUTUMN NORGE EXERCISE SERIES", A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR NATIONAL/ MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

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NAME OF EXERCISE:

"REFORGER/75" INCLUDING FIELD MANEUVER "CERTAIN TREK"

GENERAL CDESCRIPTION:

ANNUAL EXERCISE DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES TO FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE:

FIELD TRAINING AND TESTING OF OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

OVERALL TIMING OF "REFORGER/75"

EARLY OCTOBER - LATE NOVEMBER

-- TIMING OF "CERTAIN TREK": 14-23 OCTOBER 1975

PRINCIPAL MANEUVER AREA:

NORTHWESTERN BAVARIA.

TYPES OF FORCES:

PREDOMINATELY REGULAR GROUND FORCES, WITH TACTICAL AIR
SUPPORT FOR THE FIELD MANEUVERS TO BE PROVIDED BY US
GERMAN AND CANADIAN AIR FORCES.

COMMAND LEVEL OF PRINCIPAL MANEUVER

CORPS-LEVEL.

UNITS PARTICIPATING:

- THIRD US INFANTRY DIVISION
- TWO BRIGADES OF FIRST US INFANTRY DIVISION
- ONE GERMAN TANK BRIGADE
- A BRIGADE OF THE SECOND US ARMORED DIVISION
- ONE CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP
- SECOND US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
- ELEMENTS OF A FRENCH DRAGOON REGIMENT

APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF TROOPS INVOLVED:

- IN /REFORGER/75": (BLANK) TROOPS.
- IN "CERTAIN TREK": (BLANK) TROOPS, INCLUDING GERMAN,
CANADIAN AND FRENCH ELEMENTS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- DURING "REFORGER/75", APPROXIMATELY 10,000 US-BASED TROOPS
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WILL BE DEPLOYED BY MILITARY AIRLIFT TO AND FROM GERMANY,
WITH THE COMPLETION OF RETURN MOVEMENTS BY APPROXIMATELY
25 NOVEMBER 1975.

- THE THIRD US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT AND THE 36TH US
MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD

TRAINING EXERCISE "STRAFFE THE BUNDSWEHR
TAKING PLACE DURING THE PERIOD 13-17 OCTOBER 1975 IN
LOWER SAXONY.

--AFTER OCTOBER FIELD MANEUVERS, SOME OF THE REFORGER UNITS
WILL CONDUCT WEAPONS TEST FIRING EXERCISES IN MAJOR
TRAINING AREAS PRIOR TO RETURNING THEIR EQUIPMENT TO STORAGE
AND REDEPLOYING TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE "CERTAIN TREK" MANEUVER PHASE MENTIONED
ABOVE, REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE INVITATION OF OBSERVERS WHICH
WILL BE EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE) END TEXT.

OM RECOMMENDATION: FRG AND OTHER ALLIES FEEL STRONGLY THAT
THE US, FRG AND CANADIAN NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE IN A
FULLY COORDINATED MANNER ON SEPTEMBER 10. POLADS AGREED THAT
ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES IN NON-NATO CSCE CAPITALS SHOULD CO-
ORDINATE IN ADVANCE ON PROCEDURES FOR MAKING THESE NOTIF
ICATIONS.

FOR THIS REASON, AND IN VIEW OF OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE
NOTIFICATION OF "GROSSE ROCHADE", WE SUGGEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR
THE US NOTIFICATION OF REFORGER 75 BE IN THE HANDS OF US POSTS
ACCREDITED TO NON-NATO CSCE CAPITALS AT LEAST BY OPENING OF BUSINESS
ON SEPTEMBER 9, THUS ALLOWING ONE FULL DAY FOR THIS ALLIED
COORDINATION.

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